

# California OES Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, March 14, 2020  
9:00 AM PDT

**Day 1 (Sat)** – Significant snow over the northern Sierras and rain over northern California will cause moderate travel impacts today

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# **WEATHER KEY POINTS**

**03/14/20 - 03/20/20**

## **Saturday-Tuesday**

- Moderate to heavy valley rain and mountain snow will occur today through Monday across the northern half of the state
  - Significant travel impacts due to snowfall across the northern Coastal region mountains, as well as the northern Sierra
  - This is the heaviest snowfall for the Sierra Mountains this season. Several feet of snow are expected.
- Widespread low elevation rainfall will move south across the state Monday and Tuesday.
- Mountain snowfall and travel impacts are expected to expand farther south into the southern Sierra and mountains of Southern region into Monday and Tuesday.
  - Snow levels expected to lower enough to include impacts to major mountain passes, including the Grapevine Monday night into Tuesday
- Thunderstorms are possible across northern California today through Sunday, then across southern California Monday and Tuesday
  - Accumulating small hail will be possible
- The following burn scars are being monitored for the potential of debris flows/flash flooding (day of concern):
  - Ferguson (Sunday and Monday)
  - Holy, Cranston (Tuesday and Wednesday)

## **Wednesday**

- Additional snowfall may cause minor travel impacts to mountains along the OR/CA border

## **Thursday-Friday**

- No impacts expected at this time



# CALIFORNIA WEATHER IMPACTS

03/14/20 - 03/20/20

<u>Hazards / Day</u>	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>Non-Thunderstorm Damaging Winds</b>	Southern	Southern	Southern				
<b>Snow</b>	Inland/Nrn Coastal (Mtns)	Inland (Sierra)	Inland/Southern (Mtns)	Inland/Southern (Mtns)	Inland		
<b>Coastal Flooding</b>							
<b>River Flooding</b>							
<b>Thunderstorms</b> (Wind / Hail / Tornadoes)	N Coastal/ N Inland	N Coastal/ N Inland	Coastal/ Inland	Coastal/ Inland			
<b>Fire Weather</b> (Low Humidity / Wind / Dry Thunderstorms)							
<b>Heat Risk</b>							
<b>Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding / Debris Flow</b>		Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern		
<b>Cold</b>							



No Impacts



Minimal Impacts



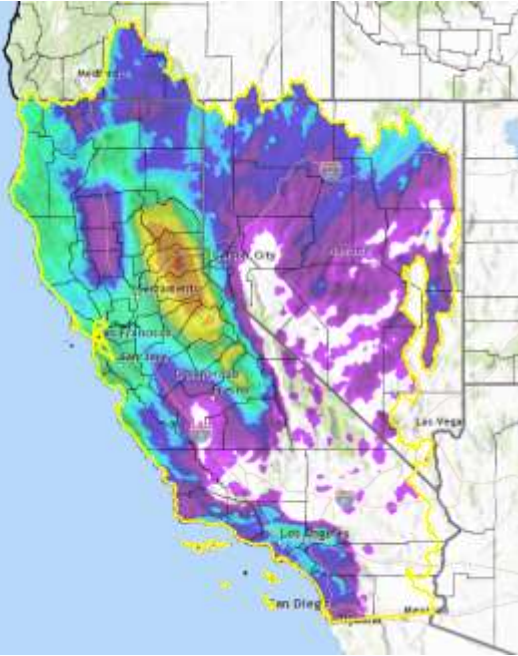
Moderate Impacts



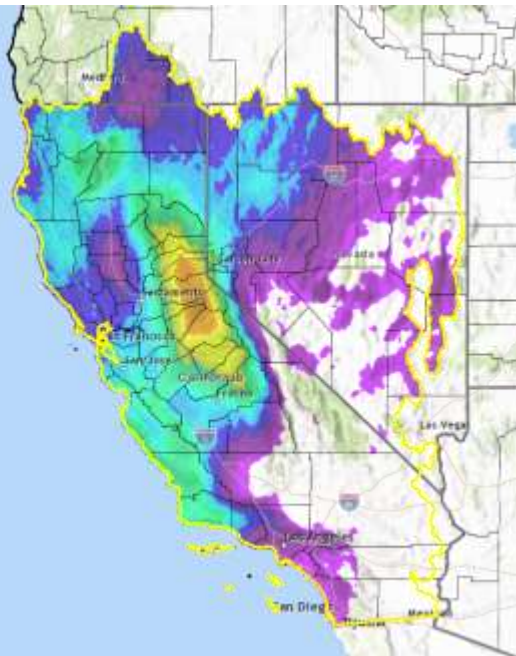
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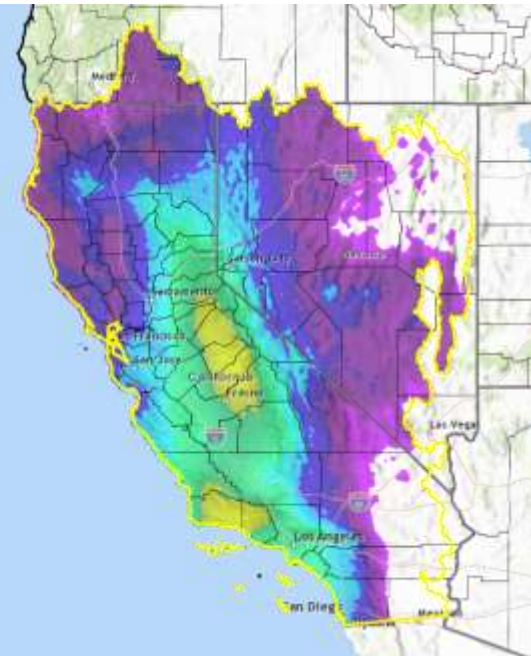
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Saturday



Sunday



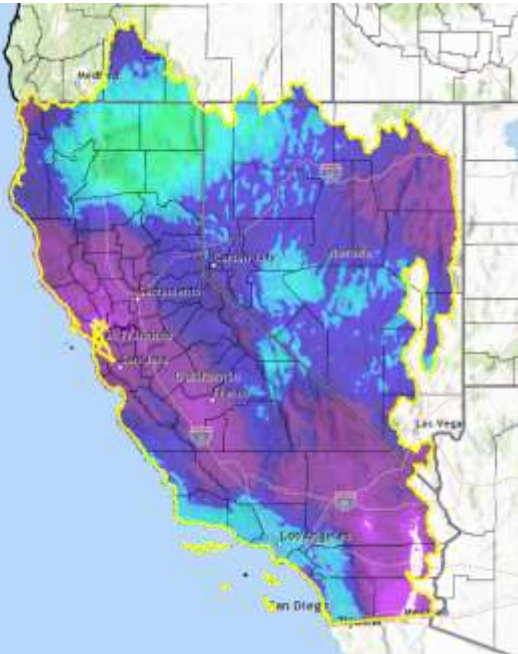
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Precipitation (inches)

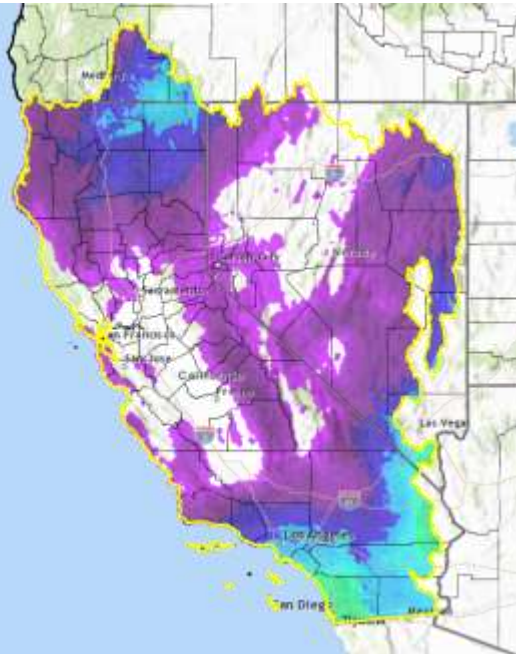


# PRECIPITATION FORECAST

03/17/20 - 03/19/20



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

Precipitation (inches)



# **WEATHER OUTLOOK**

**03/19/20 - 03/27/20**

## **6-10 Day Outlook (March 19 – March 23)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures strongly favored statewide

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation strongly favored across southern and central CA, with above normal precipitation slightly favored across the northern portions of the state

## **8-14 Day Outlook (March 21 – March 27)**

### **Temperatures**

- Below normal temperatures favored statewide, most likely in the southeast portions of the state

### **Precipitation**

- Above normal precipitation favored statewide



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